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SUBJECT: COMMENTARY ON US AND SWEDEN APPEARING IN  
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1. AKTUELT (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) GENERALLY  
CRITICAL OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND ESPECIALLY  
SO ON VIETNAM, TODAY CARRIED UNUSUAL DEFENSE  
OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT  
ON ITS OPINION PAGE. ARTICLE IS WRITTEN BY  
VINCENT PASQUANTONIO DESCRIBED AS FORMER  
US MARINE LATER ACTIVE IN VETERANS ANTIWAR  
MOVEMENT ACTIVE IN ROBERT KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL  
CAMPAIGN, NOW LIVING IN DENMARK.

2. TITLE IS "VIETNAM DEFECTORS: WATCH OUT FOR  
SWEDISH AUTHORITIEIS."

3. TEXT FOLLOWS: "IT IS NEITHER EASY NOR  
PARTICULARLY POPULAR WHEN AN AMERICAN,  
PARTICULARLY AN EMIGRANT AMERICAN SEEKS TO  
WARN OR EVEN ADVISE MATURE AND CULTIVATED  
EUROPEANS. I PROBABLY UNDERSTAND THIS BETTER  
THAN MOST PEOPLE. IN MY OWN COUNTRY ONE IS  
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ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AND APPRECIATING OPINIONS

OF FOREIGNERS BUT THIS IS SELDOM THE CASE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE U.S. IS REALLY A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS. NOBODY IS COMPLETELY STRANGE OR DIFFERENT.

4. FOR A CHANGE I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS TO THE VIETNAM DESERTERS AND WAR OPPONENTS LIVING IN SWEDEN AND OTHER PLACES. I WANT IT TO BE BOTH A WARNING AND A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

5. MOST WESTERN NATIONS PARTICULARLY THE RICH AND GRANDILOQUENT LIKE SWEDEN HAVE LATELY FEIGNED SYMPATHY FOR POVERTY STRICKEN PEOPLE IN THE THIRD WORLD AND HAVE GIVEN A LITTLE MONEY HERE AND THERE TO QUIET THEIR OWN PETIT BOURGEOIS CONSCIENCE. IN MEANTIME, CITIZENS OF YOUR OWN COUNTRY (USA) HAVE ALTHOUGH RELUCTANTLY FED AND CLOTHED HUNGRY AND NAKED MASSES IN ASIA AND AFRICA AND EUROPE FOR DECADES.

6. WHILE MONEY FROM CHURCH GROUPS AND PSEUDO-SOCIALISTS IN REALLY FAT COUNTRIES LIKE SWEDEN IS NEVER GIVEN WITHOUT CONDITIONS AMERICANS WRING THEIR HANDS AND STILL SEND FOOD FOR MILLIONS. EVEN WHEN INDIRA GHANDI WAS CONDUCTING HER NONALIGNED POLICY. EVEN WHEN SUKARNO PLACED HIS LAST ORDERS FOR ARMORED CARS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. AND EVEN WHEN MAO SENT HIS LAST SHIPMENTS OF ROCKETS TO HANOI. YES, EVEN WHEN BREZHNEV WAS INFORMED OF IMMINENT EGYPTIAN ATTACK ON ISRAEL. EVEN WHEN DA NANG WAS OVERRUN OHIO CORN IDAO POTATOES AND MICHIGAN WHEAT WERE SENT TO THE HUNGRY. THIS IS AN INDISPUTABLE FACT. PEOPLE WERE EATING AMERICAN FOOD. THEY ATE. DON'T FORGET THAT.

7. U.S. EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES HAVE QUIETLY ARRANGED FOR HOUSING THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES OF MANY SHADES AND BELIEFS FOR DECADES. A BRAGGING SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WHO WAS HIMSELF THROWN OUT OF CHILE IS NO HERO AND HE DOES NOT SAVE ANY LIVES. HE HELPS KEEP THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN POWER IN STOCKHOLM AND THAT IS IN FACT ALL HE DOES.

8. REMEMBER THAT WHEN SOLZHENITSYN WAS

AWARDED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE SWEDISH  
RULERS WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO ACCEPT IT IN THEIR  
EMBASSY. HE MIGHT VERY WELL HAVE BEEN MURDERED  
THE DAY AFTER AND THEY WOULD NOT HAVE WINCED.  
THINK OF THAT FACT. HE WAS CITIZEN WHO LIVED  
UNDER COERCISION A WORLD RENOWNED FIGURE WHO  
WAS AWARDED A PRIZE BY SWEDEN'S KING. AND  
THEY REFUSED TO EXPRESS THEIR SPPORT OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS. IF IT HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON FRIENDS  
RED CAREPT WOULD HAVE BEEN ROLLED OUT.

9. SWEDES AND ITALIANS FRENCHMEN AND ENGLISHMEN  
HAVE LEFT THEIR HOME COUNTRIES BY SCORES TO  
BEGIN A NEW LIFE ON AMERICAN SOIL. A COUPLE OF  
THOUSAND AMERICAN EXILES FROM VIETNAM WAR  
HAVE EVERY IMAGINABLE RIGHT TO ESCAPE WHAT THEY  
WITH GOOD REASON CONSIDER AN UNJUST FATE AT  
HOME. THIS IS ONLY A VERY SMALL AND TEMPORARY  
PHENOMENON. IT CERTAINLY IS A TRIFLE FOR A NATION  
WHICH BY A MERE CHANCE HAD A PLEASANT TIME  
WITHOUT CONFLICTS DURING THE LAST CENTURY. YOURS  
IS ALMOST NO SACRIFICE COMPARED TO THE SACRIFICES  
YOUR OWN FELLOW COUNTRYMEN ARE MAKING DAILY.

10. REMEMBER THAT IF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT  
WERE REALLY INTERESTED IN HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY  
FOR EXPATRIATES FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU IT WOULD  
NOT PUT SUCH HIGH STAKES ON GETTING DOMESTIC  
POLITICAL MILEAGE FROM SUCH A MODEST  
SACRIFICE. AMERICAN BOYS IN SWEDEN ARE WELL-  
EDUCATED SERIOUS AND FINE GUYS CITIZENS  
WHICH ANY NATION SHOULD BE PROUD OF HAVING.  
YOU CAN PROMISE TO BE DESERVING AND HONORABLE  
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MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. YOU ARE NOT IMMIGRANTS.  
YOU ARE (I HOPE AND PRAY) TEMPORARY POLIICAL  
REFUGEES. WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHO SHELTER YOU  
AND AT THE SAME TIME ADVERTISE YOUR PRESENCE  
THROUGH LOUDSPEAKERS AND WITH HEARTLESS POLITICAL  
ABANON EXPLOUT THE SAD AND TRAGIC REASONS FOR  
THE FLIGHT FROM YOUR HOME COUNTRY. THINK HARD,  
AND REMEMBER THAT THE EISENHOWERS THE JOHNSONS  
AND THE NIXONS CAME FROM THE GROUND ON WHICH  
YOU ARE NOW LIVING. REALIZE THAT THEIR TOUCHING  
FOLLY OF TRYING TO CREATE SUBSTANCE FROM NONSENSE  
THEIR MADENESS WAS NOT NECESSARILY FABRICATED  
AT HOME. WATCH OUT FOR THE SICKNESSES BEHIND THE  
WAY IN WHICH THE SWEDISH RULERS CAN USE YOU  
DO NOT FORGET TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN TO ARYAN

BIGOTRY. AND TRY TO SEE A SITUATION FROM BOTH  
SIDES. TRY TO REMEMBER THE FACTS. AND DON'T  
BURN ALL YOUR BRIDGES.  
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